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Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

There is enclosed a memorandum concerning the Students for a Democratic Society which is being furnished to you as a matter of possible interest to the President.

This information is also being furnished to the Attorney General, other interested officials of the Department of Justice and other interested Government agencies.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this letter becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE:

- See cover memorandum F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan, dated 6-17-65, captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Students for a Democratic Society, IS - C," prepared by CWT:pdb.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past has furnished the following information concerning statements made by Clark Kissinger, National Secretary of the Students for a Democratic Society, at the June 13, 1965, session of the national convention of this organization held at Camp Mapleburst, Kewadin, Michigan.

According to the source, Kissinger gave a report on a project which he referred to as the "Kissinger Project" and "Kissinger's Kamikaze." He described this Project as a deliberate attempt to force the United States to have a political trial which will discuss the political issues of the Vietnam war and related issues.

The source said that Clark Kissinger, the originator of the idea, said there has not been a political trial since World War I. Kissinger said the need for a more drastic approach to social reform is evidenced by the fact that police have become quite adept at dealing with protest marches, sit-ins, and the like. Kissinger said that, therefore, the pursuit of these things merely results in immediate arrests without any real publicity or aid for the social reform movement.

Kissinger proposed that the Students for a Democratic Society deliberately violate the Espionage Act of 1917, certain provisions of the Smith Act, and certain parts of the Military Codes of Justice by entering United States military bases and distributing leaflets which will demoralize the servicemen, and by suggesting that the servicemen desert, or adopt devious means of avoiding direct participation in the Vietnamese war.

Kissinger pointed out that one person could not undertake these tasks. He said that if one person entered an army base and tried to demoralize the troops, the would

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merely be picked up and taken outside because the United States Government does not want to have a political trial.

Kissinger said that the mere attempt to violate the Espionage Act of 1917 may not succeed because the Government can prosecute a case for conspiracy, loitering and the like without involving itself in a political trial. He said that, therefore, the strategy calls for actions that are so drastic the Government will have no alternative except to prosecute the organization for violation of the Espionage Act of 1917, the Smith Act and Provisions of the Military Codes of Justice.

Kissinger said it has to be a prosecution for the aforementioned offenses because the defense would be almost entirely based on the position the United States Government took during the Nuremberg, Germany, trials. He said that position was "that a citizen who finds that his Government is pursuing policies inconsistent with the concepts of the individual's morality and established principles of humanity forces the individual, or demands that the citizen exercise the common decency and rebel, revolt or oppose the Government without the consideration of patriotism and nationalism." He said the United States Government would thus be forced into the position of prosecuting and defending itself.

The source advised that Kissinger did not say when the Students for a Democratic Society plan to carry out this Project. Kissinger did say that certain legal approaches would have to be discussed with attorneys to assure a successful Project.

The source advised that Kissinger was asked by a person in attendance at the convention what alternatives are open in the event the Government delays the trials for a year or two.

According to the source, Kissinger stated that the provision of the Constitution, which specifies a speedy trial, would be cited and stressed.

The source advised that in spite of some opposition, it appeared that the Kissinger Project will be undertaken on some not too distant date.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Original delivered to Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, with Xerox copies to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Yeagley and Assistant Attorney General Doar.

NOTE:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: W. C. Sullivan

FROM: F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: 6-22-65

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SUBJECT: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

This organization is a socialist-oriented youth group which claims to have 70 chapters and 2,000 members throughout the United States. It has assumed a leading role in the current outbreak of protest demonstrations against United States foreign policy. Information has been received that this organization has developed a plan to disrupt United States military operations in the event of another crisis similar to the Cuban Crisis of 1963.

In view of the obvious threat to the internal security of the Nation posed by this organization, the field has been instructed to determine the location of local chapters, identity of leaders, and to develop sources who would be in a position to report on its activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Since this organization has only recently become the subject of a Bureau investigation, there is a general lack of knowledge on the part of the field concerning the background of the organization. It is, therefore, recommended that a monograph be prepared for distribution to the field concerning the origin, scope, and aims and purposes of this organization.

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STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY/WORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE (SDS/WSA); IS-RA.

RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE, 7/20/73.

SOURCES IN A POSITION TO HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE MEETING, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, REFERRED TO IN RETEL, HAVE BEEN CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6-17-65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The Students for a Democratic Society is a socialist-oriented youth organization which has in recent months been extremely active in protest demonstrations against United States policy in Vietnam. We are presently conducting an investigation of this organization to determine the extent to which it has been infiltrated by communists and other subversive elements.

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that Clark Kissinger, National Secretary of the Students for a Democratic Society, spoke at the June 13, 1965, session of the national convention of this organization at which time he reported on a project which he referred to as the "Kissinger Project" and "Kissinger's Kamikaze." He described this Project as a deliberate attempt to force the United States to have a political trial which will discuss the political issues of the Vietnam war and related issues. He stated that there is a need for a more drastic approach to social reform and proposed that the Students for a Democratic Society deliberately violate the Espionage Act of 1917, certain provisions of the Smith Act and certain parts of the Military Codes of Justice. He said that this would be done by entering

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military bases and distributing leaflets which will demoralize the servicemen and by suggesting that servicemen desert or adopt devious means of avoiding direct participation in the Vietnamese war. Kissinger stated that this strategy calls for actions that are so drastic that the Government will have no alternative except to prosecute the Students for a Democratic Society.

The source advised that in spite of some opposition it appeared that the Kissinger Project will be undertaken at some not too distant date in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

There are attached for approval letters to the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, and the Attorney General transmitting a memorandum which contains a summary of statements made by Clark Kissinger at the national convention of the Students for a Democratic Society on June 13, 1965. The Attorney General is being requested to advise whether these statements constitute a violation of the Sedition statutes. This information has been disseminated to State, Central Intelligence Agency, Secret Service and the military intelligence agencies by separate communications.

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Left-Wing Student Group Elects a New President

Special to The New York Times

DETROIT, June 14 — Carl Ogelsby, a 23-year-old graduate of the University of Michigan, was elected today president of Students for a Democratic Society.

Mr. Ogelsby recently left his job as head of the technical writing department of the Systems Division of the Bendix Corporation to work for the left-wing student group.

He succeeds Paul Potter, an Oberlin College graduate who was the spokesman for the group's march on Washington last April to protest the war in Vietnam.

About 200 delegates at the closing session of the organization's national conference in Kewadin, Mich., about 250 miles north of here, also elected Jeffrey Shero, a student at the University of Texas, to be vice president. He succeeds Vernon Grizzard of Swarthmore College.

The organization's national office is at 1103 East 63d Street, Chicago.

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What do we know of Ogelsby & Shero?

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION
AT WHITE HOUSE BY STUDENT
NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING
COMMITTEE, 6/27/65
RACIAL MATTER

Re WFO airtel, dated 5/21/65.

Logical sources in the Chicago Division have been contacted for information regarding the possible participation of any Chicagoans in the proposed demonstration. These sources to date have advised they were not aware of the demonstration and knew of no one who contemplated participating in this activity.

In the event the Chicago Division receives any information regarding travel of Chicagoans to Washington, D. C., to participate in this demonstration, the Bureau and WFO will immediately be advised.

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